

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

In the Office Action mailed July 23, 2007, claims 1-36 are pending. Claims 1-16, 26-29, 33, and 34 were rejected. Claims 1-16, 26-29, 33, and 34 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection moot. Claims 17, 18, 24, 25, 30, 31, and 35 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner is thanked for her call with Applicants' representative on September 5, 2007 to clarify the rejection of the claims.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 17-25, 30-32, 35 and 36. Applicants have amended the claims and have rewritten the claims in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn and the claims be passed to allowance.

CONCLUSION

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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